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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

DENNIS B. ADAMS, B. LEE ALLEN, IV, DEBORAH BAKER, WILLIAM KEARNEY AND BRIAN LINSLEY,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

BOARDWALK CAPITAL CORPORATION, a California corporation; BOARDWALK HOLDING COMPANY, a Delaware corporation; BOARDWALK GROUP, INC., a Delaware corporation; GENERAL CELLULAR CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation; THOMAS F. WHITE & COMPANY, INC., a California corporation; ANTHONY T. EASTON; PHIL OTTO; D.J. WELCH; PAUL J. KRSEK; MASON A. DINEHART; DEBORAH R. MASSIE; ROBERT R. BROAD; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

For their complaint, plaintiffs allege on information and belief, unless expressly stated to the contrary, as follows:

No.

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND EQUITABLE RELIEF

PRELIMINARY ALLEGATIONS

- 1. Plaintiffs DENNIS B. ADAMS ("Adams"), B. LEE ALLEN, IV ("Allen"), DEBORAH BAKER ("Baker"), WILLIAM E. KEARNEY ("Kearney") and BRIAN LINSLEY ("Linsley"), on personal knowledge, are residents of California who conducted business at all material times and were damaged as hereinbelow alleged within this state. Plaintiffs brokered substantial quantities of stock to the public, and performed employment services for certain defendants, for which plaintiffs have not received compensation owed and payable to them.
- 2. Defendant BOARDWALK CAPITAL CORPORATION ("Boardwalk Capital") at all times relevant hereto was a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD") and was licensed as a broker/dealer qualified to offer and sell securities of the type and form that are the subject of this complaint. Boardwalk Capital served at relevant times as the managing underwriter of the securities offering herein and was materially responsible for paying the commissions which are the subject of this action.
- 3. Defendant BOARDWALK HOLDINGS CORPORATION ("Boardwalk Holdings") is a Delaware corporation, with its principal place of business in San Francisco, California, and is affiliated in some relevant manner with Boardwalk Capital. Boardwalk Holdings, through stock ownership and its management structures, owned or controlled Boardwalk Capital at relevant times hereto.
- 4. Defendant BOARDWALK GROUP, INC. ("Boardwalk Group") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in San Francisco, California and is affiliated in some relevant manner with Boardwalk Capital and Boardwalk Holdings. Hereinafter,

Boardwalk Capital, Boardwalk Holdings and Boardwalk Group shall collectively be referred to as "Boardwalk".

- 5. Defendant D. J. WELCH ("Welch") was at relevant times hereto the chairman and chief executive officer of Boardwalk Holdings, chief executive officer of Boardwalk Group, chairman of Boardwalk Capital and a controlling shareholder of Boardwalk. Welch was at all relevant times hereto a resident of California and conducts substantial business in this state.
- 6. Defendant PAUL J. KRSEK ("Krsek") served at relevant times hereto as the chairman and president of Boardwalk Holdings. Krsek, at relevant times, told plaintiffs and others that he represented and spoke for the management of Boardwalk Capital. Krsek was at all relevant times hereto a resident of California and conducts substantial business in this state.
- 7. Defendant MASON A. DINEHART ("Dinehart") served at relevant times hereto as the executive vice president of Boardwalk Holdings and president of Boardwalk Capital. Dinehart was at all relevant times hereto a resident of California and conducts substantial business in this state.
- 8. Defendant DEBORAH R. MASSIE ("Massie") served at relevant times hereto as the senior vice president and general counsel of Boardwalk Holdings. Massie was at all relevant times hereto a resident of California and conducts substantial business in this state.
- 9. Defendant ROBERT A. BROAD ("Broad") served at relevant times hereto as Vice President and Director of Corporate Finance of Boardwalk Capital. Broad's duties included serving as the

company's compliance officer, charged with seeing to it that applicable governmental, statutory and regulatory rules and laws were followed. At relevant times hereto, Broad was a California resident.

- 10. Defendant GENERAL CELLULAR CORPORATION ("General Cellular") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in San Francisco, California. General Cellular issued, sold and exchanged its securities to the public, and was obliged to prudently pay for the benefit of plaintiffs related commissions and other income which are the subject of this action.
- 11. Defendant ANTHONY T. EASTON ("Easton") served at relevant times hereto as the chairman, chief executive officer and president of General Cellular. Easton was at all relevant times hereto a resident of California and conducts substantial business in this state.
- 12. Defendant PHILLIP OTTO ("Otto") served at relevant times hereto as the chief financial officer and an agent of General Cellular. Otto was at all relevant times hereto a resident of California and conducts substantial business in this state.
- 13. Defendants Easton, Otto, Welch, Krsek, Dinehart and Massie, and Broad shall hereinafter collectively be referred to as the "Individual Defendants." The Individual Defendants participated in the wrongdoing alleged herein to gain the substantial income and stock appreciation in General Cellular and Boardwalk which was to be derived by, inter alia, the securities offering which is the subject of this action.

14. Defendant THOMAS F. WHITE & COMPANY, INC. ("TFW") is a California corporation with its principal place of business in San Francisco. TFW was at relevant times hereto a member of the NASD and was licensed as a broker/dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in most or all of the 50 states. TFW was the broker/dealer through which plaintiffs sold certain of the securities of General Cellular which generated certain of the commissions that are the subject of this action.

15. Plaintiffs are ignorant of the true names and capacities of Does 1 through 50. Such Doe defendants are nevertheless legally responsible in some manner for the events, occurrences, representations, acts or omissions herein alleged, and plaintiff's damages were proximately caused by their conduct. At such time as plaintiffs learn the true names and capacities of the Doe defendants, plaintiffs will amend this complaint accordingly. All references and allegations to any named defendants herein shall include and apply to the Doe defendants.

- agent and/or employee of the other defendants. In performing the acts and omissions alleged herein, all defendants did so at relevant times within the course and scope of such agency and/or employment. As such, each defendant is legally responsible for the acts and omissions alleged herein as against all of the other defendants.
- 17. At relevant times hereto, Boardwalk was the alter ego of General Cellular, Welch, Krsek and Dinehart. General Cellular, Welch, Krsek and Dinehart are accordingly liable for the claims

asserted against Boardwalk herein, in that their identities effectively became merged with Boardwalk, and further in that to maintain the fiction of separateness would work a substantial injustice on plaintiffs. Welch, Krsek and Dinehart owned, controlled and dominated Boardwalk by virtue of stock ownership, director positions, and employment as officers of Boardwalk. General Cellular controlled and dominated Boardwalk by virtue of advancing hundreds of thousands of dollars of commissions to Boardwalk and by threatening to accelerate such debt and/or failing to advance further funds if Boardwalk refused to complete the sale of General Cellular's public offering of securities. Moreover, Boardwalk was virtually insolvent at material times hereto and failed to honor various corporate formalities necessary to maintain a distinct corporate identity.

18. At relevant times herein, Boardwalk, General Cellular and the Individual Defendants knowingly and willfully conspired and agreed amongst themselves to perform, or omit to perform, the acts and/or omissions described herein attributable to them. These defendants further undertook measures, or failed to act, in such a way that the conspiracy was knowingly furthered by them. Moreover, these defendants each ratified, expressly and impliedly, all of the acts, omissions and representations of the others as alleged herein.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

19. On or about April 1, 1989, General Cellular entered into an agreement with Boardwalk (the "Boardwalk Agreement") through which it engaged Boardwalk as the lead underwriter to manage a

proposed sale by General Cellular of up to 11 million shares of General Cellular Class A common stock ("Shares") in a public offering (the "Offering") registered with the SEC. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a true and correct copy of this agreement.

- 20. The Offering was to consist of (1) an offer to sell Shares for cash (the "Cash Offering"), (2) an offer to exchange Shares for specified shares of Cellular Holdings, Inc., an affiliate of General Cellular (the "CHI Offering"), and (3) an offer to exchange Shares for ownership interests in cellular telephone licenses (or rights to the issuance of such licenses) to construct and operate telephone systems, or for interests in entities owning cellular licenses (the "Pops Offering").
- 21. The Boardwalk Agreement was a best-efforts underwriting agreement and provided that General Cellular would compensate Boardwalk on a commission basis as follows: (1) 5.00 percent generally for Shares sold as part of the Cash Offering; (2) 2.95 percent generally for Shares exchanged in the CHI Offering and for all of the Shares of the Pops Offering; and (3) 0.55 percent for Shares exchanged or sold as part of the CHI "Family" Offering. The Boardwalk Agreement further provided that Boardwalk had the right to engage other broker/dealers to assist it in the sale or exchange of Shares. The Boardwalk Agreement also generally provided that no commissions would be paid to Boardwalk until such time as the Offering was closed.
- 22. Additionally, Boardwalk and TFW entered into an agreement whereby Boardwalk engaged TFW to participate in the Offering as an associate underwriter (the "TFW Agreement"). Attached hereto as

Exhibit "B" is a true and correct copy of this agreement. The TFW Agreement provided that TFW would use its best efforts to sell or exchange the Shares and that it would be compensated on a commission basis, as follows: (1) 4.50 percent for Shares sold in the Cash Offering; (2) 2.55 percent generally for Shares exchanged in the CHI Offering and for all of the Shares of the Pops Offering; and (3) 0.45 percent for Shares exchanged or sold as part of the CHI "Family" Offering.

23. The TFW Agreement further provided that TFW and Boardwalk would indemnify, defend and hold harmless employees of General Cellular against losses arising out of sales of Shares by TFW in the Offering. Plaintiffs were at relevant times hereto employees of General Cellular in connection with the Offering.

24. In or about 1988 and 1989, plaintiffs entered into agreements with TFW to market Shares in connection with the Offering (the "Registered Representative Agreements"). Attached hereto as Exhibit "C" is a true and correct copy of an original of such an agreement signed by one of the plaintiffs. Pursuant to these agreements, TFW agreed that plaintiffs would receive commissions from the Offering as follows: (1) 2.50 percent for Shares sold in the Cash Offering; (2) 2.00 percent generally for Shares exchanged through the CHI Offering and for all of the Shares of the Pops Offering; and (3) 0.10 percent for Shares exchanged or sold as part of the CHI "Family" Offering. Additionally, a 0.10 percent management override for Pops Offering Shares was to be paid. Attached hereto as Exhibit "D" is a true and correct copy of TFW's written agreement to pay these commissions to the plaintiffs.

25. Based on the language of the Boardwalk, TFW and Registered Representative Agreements, and further based on Plaintiffs' close working relationships with key personnel at General Cellular, Boardwalk and TFW, all defendants had knowledge throughout the Offering of the intent, purpose, and basic substance of the Registered Representative Agreements.

26. The Offering first commenced in or about 1988. Due to difficulties in maintaining the effectiveness of the Offering with the SEC, it was halted sometime thereafter. Upon recommencing, the Offering of Shares proceeded and finally concluded in or about December 1989 or January 1990. Plaintiffs sold or exchanged numerous Shares pursuant to the Offering, generating substantial commissions which are due them.

27. During and/or even before the Offering, General Cellular advanced to Boardwalk gross commissions of not less than \$484,212.26. This was done without a formal closing ever having taken place. General Cellular paid an additional \$670,178.31 in gross commissions to Boardwalk in or about January, 1990, again without a formal closing taking place. At or about the time General Cellular, through Easton and Otto, advanced and paid said commissions to Boardwalk, General Cellular, Easton, Otto, and TFW were aware that Boardwalk was insolvent or would soon become insolvent without the advances. Said defendants also knew or recklessly disregarded that such dire financial circumstances were reflected in publicly available governmental and regulatory filings, for which Broad was materially responsible for preparing and causing to be filed. Yet at no time did General Cellular,

Easton or Otto cease making such advances, and at no time did TFW take appropriate action to protect itself and plaintiffs from the probability that any commission funds so advanced would be lost. Boardwalk, Krsek, Dinehart, Massie and Broad did, in fact, misapply and/or misappropriate much or all of the commissions advanced, which advances, in fact, have been lost.

In or about November 1989, Boardwalk obtained a shortterm loan form the Bank of San Diego (the "Bank") in the approximate amount of \$350,000 (the "Bank Loan"). To facilitate this loan, Boardwalk, General Cellular and the Individual Defendants (excepting Broad) advised the Bank that Boardwalk had an interest in the securities commission escrow of the Offering (the "Escrow") held by Bank of America (the "Escrow Holder") in an amount that would be more than enough to secure the Bank Loan. The true magnitude and/or effect of the advances hereinabove alleged and of the interest of TFW and plaintiffs in the Escrow, however, were materially misrepresented and concealed by Boardwalk, General Cellular and the Individual Defendants. As a result thereof, and because the Bank failed to adequately verify the so-called equity, the Bank issued its \$350,000 loan to Boardwalk and certain other related parties for the benefit of Boardwalk, and did so at a time when a substantially lesser amount in net funds were earmarked for Boardwalk in the Escrow and hence available as collateral for the Bank Loan.

29. General Cellular's total advancement of \$1,154,390.57 in commissions to Boardwalk was irregular and in breach of the Boardwalk Contract, and was done in a prejudicial, self-serving

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effort by General Cellular to keep Boardwalk in business so that the Offering could be successfully completed. As a result of their sales efforts, plaintiffs earned commissions through the Offering in an amount yet to be determined, but believed to be roughly \$800,000. Because of General Cellular's, Boardwalk's, TFW's and the Individual Defendants' misconduct as set forth herein, much or most of these funds were never paid to plaintiffs. To date, plaintiffs believe they have received only approximately less than \$65,000.00 of such sums due and owing them, excluding certain purported draws against commissions.

30. At the time plaintiffs Adams, Baker, Kearney and Linsley (the "Sales Staff Plaintiffs") began working for General Cellular to assist in selling and/or exchanging Shares in the Offering, General Cellular promised to advance to each of them the sum of \$2,000 per month against future commissions. Not long after the Sales Staff Plaintiffs began selling and exchanging Shares, they were prevented from doing so any further because the Offering was shut down for a period of time due to problems General Cellular encountered with the SEC. This shut down (the "Non-effective Period") lasted several months. As a result, the Sales Staff Plaintiffs were unable to earn commission income to offset their draws during the Noneffective Period.

31. General Cellular considered, treated and dealt with the Sales Staff Plaintiffs during the Non-effective Period as employees. Throughout the Noneffective Period, the Sales Staff Plaintiffs reasonably believed that they were, in fact, employees of General Cellular. The Sales Staff Plaintiffs maintained offices

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at General Cellular and carried out marketing and related support functions for the benefit of General Cellular, without making sales of Shares or earning commission income during this period. Such functions specifically included, but were not limited to, market research regarding cellular licenses, updating computer listings and files of the owners of cellular systems and/or cellular rights, developing a data base of updated financial information relevant to the valuation of exchanges of cellular licenses, preparing and revising cellular-related intelligence reports, and laying the groundwork for future sales of shares by General Cellular to institutional brokerages and clients.

- 32. During the Noneffective Period, General Cellular retained substantial control over the Sales Staff Plaintiffs and otherwise treated them as employees. Internal employee charts reflected the Sales Staff Plaintiffs as employees of General Cellular. Memos from General Cellular management to General Cellular employees were delivered to the Sales Staff Plaintiffs, and referred to them, as employees. The Sales Staff Plaintiffs received bonuses as employees of General Cellular and were carried on General Cellular's medical and dental insurance group employee coverages. They were also compelled to attend regular, and often daily, sales meetings at General Cellular's offices which were presided over by General Cellular management, under threat of job termination. General Cellular management set daily hours and times which the sales staff plaintiffs were to work.
- 33. In addition to the Offering of Shares as hereinabove alleged, General Cellular effected a separate, private offering

that was completed in or about December 1989 (the "Private Offering"). The Private Offering consisted of the sale of approximately \$1 million in General Cellular preferred stock in Texas. Pursuant to this offering and in accordance with relevant agreements, plaintiff Kearney is entitled to receive from defendants, but has not been paid, approximately \$45,000 in sales commissions for his role therein.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Breach of Third-Party Beneficiary Contract against Boardwalk and General Cellular)

- 34. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1 through 33 and bring this First Cause of Action for Breach of Third-Party Beneficiary Contract against Boardwalk and General Cellular.
- 35. Because the Boardwalk Agreement contemplates the formation of an underwriting group, and because the TFW Agreement contemplates sales on TFW's behalf by registered representatives affiliated by TFW, plaintiffs were intended beneficiaries under both the Boardwalk and TFW Agreements. Plaintiffs were further intended beneficiaries under these Agreements in that, at all relevant times, Boardwalk, General Cellular and the Individual Defendants were aware that plaintiffs were selling Shares under such agreements and accordingly would be entitled to commissions on such sales.
- 36. Plaintiffs have fully performed all of the terms and conditions incumbent upon them under the Boardwalk, TFW and Registered Representative Agreements.

37. General Cellular breached the Boardwalk Agreement by paying or advancing commissions to Boardwalk prior to a formal, proper closing of the Offering, by doing so at a time when it knew that Boardwalk was, for all intents and purposes, insolvent, and by facilitating the Bank Loan for Boardwalk as hereinabove alleged. General Cellular further breached the Boardwalk and TFW Agreements by failing to pay to plaintiffs, or to ensure that Boardwalk and TFW paid to plaintiffs, the commissions to which plaintiffs are entitled.

- 38. Boardwalk breached the Boardwalk and TFW Agreements by misappropriating, misapplying, wasting, and/or squandering commissions advanced or paid to it by General Cellular prior to a formal, proper closing of the Offering, and by failing to pay to TFW or plaintiffs, or to reasonably help to ensure that TFW paid to plaintiffs, the commissions to which plaintiffs are entitled.
- 39. In addition, Boardwalk breached the Boardwalk and TFW Agreements by failing to pay to TFW and plaintiffs the full amount allocated to them from the escrow proceeds. TFW and plaintiffs received only a small amount of the money allocated to them from the escrow proceeds as a result of the GCC Offering. The remaining money due TFW and plaintiffs from the escrow proceeds was misappropriated, misused, or wasted by Boardwalk.
- 40. As a proximate result of General Cellular and Boardwalk's breaches of contract, plaintiffs have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Interference with Contract against Boardwalk, General Cellular and the Individual Defendants)

- 41. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1 through 40 and bring this Second Cause of Action for Interference with Contract against Boardwalk, General Cellular and the Individual Defendants.
- 42. In 1989-1990, when General Cellular (through the assistance and acquiescence of Boardwalk and the Individual Defendants) improperly advanced the substantial commissions hereinabove alleged and helped arrange for the Bank Loan to Boardwalk, all defendants had a knowledge and awareness of (or recklessly disregarded) the TFW and Registered Representative Agreements, which existed at that time.
- 43. At the time General Cellular advanced such commissions, General Cellular and the Individual Defendants also knew of or recklessly disregarded Boardwalk's precarious financial position, that Boardwalk, Welch, Krsek, Dinehart, Massie and Broad intended to use the commission advances for improper purposes, and that said defendants had neither the intent nor the ability (to the extent they misapplied the commission advances for overhead and operating expenses) to pay TFW and plaintiffs under the TFW and Registered Representative Agreements.
- 44. Upon receiving such advances, Boardwalk, Welch, Krsek, Dinehart, Massie and Broad did not, in fact, pay or cause to be paid to TFW or plaintiffs the sums to which they were entitled, but instead misappropriated the funds for their own direct or indirect benefit.

45. By the advancement of funds to Boardwalk prior to a proper closing, and by circumventing the protective devices normally established through such an organized closing, General Cellular, Boardwalk, and the Individual Defendants knew or recklessly disregarded that plaintiffs were unlikely to collect their commissions from Boardwalk or TFW.

- 46. Likewise, by misappropriating or misdirecting General Cellular's commission advances, Boardwalk, Welch, Krsek, Dinehart, Massie and Broad knew or recklessly disregarded that plaintiffs would likely be unable to collect commissions from TFW or Boardwalk.
- 47. As a proximate result, plaintiffs have received but a fraction of the commissions due them from Boardwalk, General Cellular and TFW, and consequently have suffered damages in an amount according to proof at trial.
- 48. As a further proximate result, plaintiffs have been forced to incur attorney's fees defending themselves in that certain interpleader action known as <u>General Cellular</u>, et al. v. <u>Boardwalk Capital</u>, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court, No. 921 217, filed June 22, 1990 (the "Interpleader Action").
- 49. Boardwalk, General Cellular and the Individual Defendants' deliberate and reckless acts of placing their economic welfare ahead of plaintiffs by interfering with plaintiffs' contractual relationships, with recklessness and/or the intent to cause damages to plaintiffs, constituted malicious and oppressive conduct sufficient to justify the imposition of punitive damages.

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THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Intentional Interference with Prospective Economic Advantage against Boardwalk, General Cellular and the Individual Defendants)

- 50. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1 through 49 and bring this Third Cause of Action for Intentional Interference with Prospective Economic Advantage against Boardwalk, General Cellular and the Individual Defendants.
- 51. In 1988-1990, when General Cellular (through the assistance and acquiescence of Boardwalk and the Individual Defendants) improperly advanced to Boardwalk the substantial commissions hereinabove alleged and arranged for the Bank Loan, all defendants had a knowledge and awareness of (or recklessly disregarded) the TFW and Registered Representative Agreements which portended the likelihood of economic benefits to plaintiffs.
- 52. At the time General Cellular advanced such commissions, General Cellular, Boardwalk and the Individual Defendants also knew of or recklessly disregarded Boardwalk's precarious financial position, that Boardwalk, Welch, Krsek, Dinehart, Massie and Broad intended to misapply the commission advances for improper purposes, and that said defendants had neither the intent nor the ability (to the extent they used the commission advances for overhead and operating expenses) to pay TFW or plaintiffs under the TFW Agreement.
- 53. Upon receiving said advances, Boardwalk, Welch, Krsek, Dinehart, Massie and Broad did not, in fact, pay or cause to be paid to TFW or plaintiffs the sums to which they were entitled, but

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instead misappropriated the funds for their own direct or indirect benefit.

- By the advancement of funds to Boardwalk prior to a 54. proper closing, and by circumventing the protective devices normally established through such an organized closing, General Cellular, Boardwalk and the Individual Defendants further knew or recklessly disregarded that plaintiffs were unlikely to collect their commissions from Boardwalk or TFW.
- Likewise, by misappropriating or misdirecting General Cellular's commission advances, Boardwalk, Welch, Krsek, Dinehart, Massie and Broad knew or recklessly disregarded that plaintiffs would likely be unable to collect commissions from Boardwalk.
- As a proximate result of the above, plaintiffs have received but a fraction of the commissions due them from Boardwalk, General Cellular and TFW and consequently have suffered damages in an amount according to proof at trial.
- As a further result, plaintiffs have been forced to incur attorney's fees defending themselves in the Interpleader Action.
- 58. Boardwalk, General Cellular and the Individual Defendants' deliberate and reckless acts of placing their economic welfare ahead of plaintiffs by disrupting plaintiffs' prospective economic advantages, with the intent to cause damages to plaintiffs, constitute malicious and oppressive conduct sufficient to justify the imposition of punitive damages.

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FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Negligent Interference with Prospective Economic Advantage against Boardwalk, General Cellular and the Individual Defendants)

- 59. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1 through 58 and bring this Fourth Cause of Action for Negligent Interference with Prospective Economic Advantage against Boardwalk, General Cellular and the Individual Defendants.
- 60. In 1988-1990, when General Cellular (through the assistance and acquiescence of Boardwalk and the Individual Defendants) improperly advanced to Boardwalk the substantial commissions as hereinabove alleged, and helped arrange for the Bank Loan, all defendants had a knowledge and awareness of (or carelessly disregarded) the TFW and Registered Representative Agreements which portended the likelihood of economic benefits to plaintiffs.
- 61. At the time General Cellular advanced such commissions, General Cellular, Boardwalk and the Individual Defendants also knew of or recklessly disregarded Boardwalk's precarious financial position, that Boardwalk, Welch, Krsek, Dinehart, Massie and Broad intended to use the commission advances for improper purposes, and that Boardwalk had neither the intent nor the ability (to the extent they used the commission advances for overhead and operating expenses) to pay TFW or plaintiffs under the TFW Agreement.
- 62. Upon receiving said advances, Boardwalk, Welch, Krsek, Dinehart, Massie and Broad negligently and carelessly did not, in fact, pay or cause to be paid to TFW or plaintiffs the sums to